

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Ruth 4

1. The chapter opens as Boaz moves swiftly to bring Ruth under his protection as her kinsman redeemer. First, he seeks out the closer relative and in the presence of the city elders, tells him that Naomi is selling a piece of land. Boaz suggests that the relative buy the land. What is the man's initial response to the offer? How does the closer relative respond when he discovers that Ruth the Moabitess is also part of the package? Why does he change his mind?
2. How does Boaz respond when the other redeemer declines the offer? How is this an example of God's work in ordinary circumstances to orchestrate his larger redemptive purposes?
3. When Boaz concludes his negotiation to become Ruth's kinsman redeemer, the city elders and the other onlookers pronounce a collective blessing on the couple (vs. 11-12). What is the significance of including Leah and Rachel in the blessing (Genesis 29:31-35; 30:22-24)?
4. At the end of the chapter, the women of Bethlehem tell Naomi that Ruth, her daughter-in-law, is better to her than seven sons. What does this tell us about the kind of people that God blesses and works through? Which of the characteristics you have just highlighted would you like to see developed in your life? What specific step(s) can you take now to make that happen?
5. Ruth's story tells us that God works through the ordinary circumstances of our lives to achieve his extraordinary salvation purposes. In Ruth and Boaz's love story we see foreshadowed our redemption by God through the work of Jesus. In what specific ways is Boaz a type of Jesus? In what ways does Ruth model the Lord's steadfast love for us?